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For: MUSICAL TONE SIGNAL GENERATION APPARATUS ACCOMMODATED FOR MULTIPLE USERS PLAYING MUSIC IN ENSEMBLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1" to --claim 1--;
line 2, delete "to 3".

Please add the following new claims 14-17.

--14. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising:

an informer that informs the user of generation of the musical tone signals generated by the musical tone signal generator.

15. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising:

a storage for storing musical tone control data; and

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